

Washington, DC – U.S. Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) announced Monday that the House voted to fund \$500,000 for a solar initiative at the Presidio Independent School District in Presidio.

“Solar energy is the wave of the future and Texas is at the forefront of that change,” said Congressman Rodriguez. “This funding will help Presidio develop a cost-effective program to diversify the school district’s energy portfolio and become more self-sufficient.”

The funding announced Monday will pay for installing solar arrays on all ten buildings in the district, which includes three campuses. The power generated from the installed arrays will power the district computer networks, said Presidio ISD Superintendent Dennis McEntire.

“Congressman Rodriguez walks the walk, does what he says he will do and follows up with action,” McEntire said. “His leadership on border issues and things like solar power are beyond question.”

McEntire said he hopes the school district project will usher in more solar-oriented economic development in Presidio.

The 23rd Congressional District is home to some of the best locations for solar and wind energy in the United States. According to the State Energy Conservation Office, the wind, solar and biomass potential in Texas is equal to about 400 times the amount of energy used by our state each year.

The funding cleared the House on Friday. The Senate is considering a similar bill and differences in the two versions will be resolved in conference.